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FACTS ABOUT OPALS. Where the Finest Specimens of

the Gem Are Obtained.

The Mines of Honduras and Hungary-The Famous Ring of the Roman Senator Nonlus-Popular Superstitions At-tached to the Charming Stone.

The records regarding old opal mines are lost, but it is supposed that the ancients derived their supply from Arabia and Syria, says a writer in the San Francisco Chroni cle. The famous Hungarian mines were not discovered until late in the fifteenth century, and were, of course, unknown to the Romans. The principal mines from whence opals are obtained to-day are situ ated in Hungary and Honduras. The American opal lacks the hardness of the Hungarian gem, but it is fully as brilliant and withstands atmospheric inroads upon the colors quite as well. The magnificent characteristic of the gem, which gives it value and renown, is the brilliant combination of colored reflections which it displays and when the stone is held in the sunlight, the Latin philosopher was correct in stating that it was made up of the glories of the most precious stones.

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The gem is found not only in porcelain earth but also in fissures and seams of old igneous rocks. Quartz, when flawed in the interior, sometimes exhibits a remarkable indescence, and resembles the opal especially when viewed at a distance. Such specimens are called iris. The elegant iris orna-ments worn by the Empress Josephine were of remarkable brilliancy and the wonder and envy of the Imperial court. She also possessed the finest opal of modern times, which was only displayed when arrayed in all the grandeur of full Imperial splendor. it was indeed a fitting ornament for so beautiful a woman. Its flashing rays of light were so powerful and vivid as to give the appearance of living flames of fire, and from that it received its title "Lincendir de Proie"—the burning of Troy. The fate of the gem is unknown, but with the history of the fair owner the most casual reader is familiar.

Empress Eugenie had a superstitious dread, amounting to positive aversion, for the beautiful opal, and the stone was a stranger at the brilliant court. It is possible that Eugenie may have been influenced in her hatred of the gem from Josephine's fondness for the same, and attributed to the mysterious workings of the dery mineral some subtle, malign indownfall. But the fact remains inscribed upon the pages of history that, although the opal was rigorously banished from Verailles and the Tuilleries, Eugeme fled from Paris under cover of darkness, cowering with terror in the dusty depths of a shabby reached her ears.

The famous opal of history was that which was worn in a ring by the Roman Scuator Nonius in the days of the Triumviats. Its size scarcely exceeded that of a hazel nut, yet its beauty and brilliancy rendered it a marvel among the dilettanti if itome, and it was valued at nearly \$1,sacrifice of Cleopatra's incomparable pearl, and still enslaved by the Egyptian Queen's irresistible charms, made overtures for the opal, intending to present it to the dusky beauty; but Nonius refused to part with his cherished gem, and sought safety in flight. The extreme beauty and charm may be estimated when it is known that to a Roman banishment was worse than death. History makes no further mention of this wonderful opal. It has disappeared from the world's collection of gems, and its glories have probably yielded to the de-structive effects of time.

The fire opal is found in its greatest perfection in the porphyritic rocks at Zimapan, Mexico. It is generally of a hyacinth red color, and gleams forth with flashes of brilliant carmine, with yellow and green scintillations. The Mexican production surpasses all other varieties in the intensity and gorgeousness of its hues, but it will not bear exposure, and the sensitive surface soon loses its flashing beauties. They bring exorbitant prices in Mexico when sold to the unwary, who learn all too soon, upon returning to the haunts of civilization, that they had paid nearly fifty per cent. too much for the gems. The Spanish historians, in their marvelous stories of the wonders seen in Mexico at the time of the conquest, describe the image of the mystic idol Quetzalcoatl (god of the air), on the great pyramid of Cholula, as wearing a miter waving with plumes of fire, and which was supposed to have been produced by masses of the fire opat.

The colors displayed by the opal embrace all the tints in the solar spectrum. The shades of green, blue, yellow and red are vivid and clear. The purchase of opals in the rough, natural state is hazardous as a peculation, for frequently after having left the hands of the lapidary the stone has be-come a transparent, hucless stone. The Central American opal in numerous instances has been known to fade and gradually lose all brilliancy.

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Application for a Patent

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UNITED BYATES LAND OFFICE,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE
DAY SILVER MINING CO., whose post office
address is, Picche, Lincoln County, Nevada.
has this day, by its duly authorised agent T.
J. Osnonne, filed its application for a patent
for fifteen hundred (1500) linear feet of the
Melissa Mine or Vein, bearing gold and silver
with surface ground three hundred (300) feet
in width, situated in Highland Mining District, County of Lincoln, and State of Nevada.
and designated by the field notes and official
plat on file in this office, as ito No. 38.

Said lot No. 38 being described as follows,
to-wit:
Beginning at a post marked No. 1, U. S. S. No.

Baid lot No. 38 being described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at a post marked No. 1, U. S. S. No. 38, whence U. S. Mineral Monument No. 2, bears S. 82 degrees, 10 minutes E. 1215 feet. and the Melises shaft, bears S. 51 degrees E. 583 feet. This is also the original location corner. Theuce, S. 82 degrees E. 1500 feet to post marked No. 2, U. S. S. No. 38, and the original location corner, whence post No. 4, of U. S. S. No. 39, Hamburg Lode, bears N. 87 1 4 degrees E. 891 feet. Thence, S. 8 degrees W. 550 feet to post marked No. 3. U. S. B. No. 38, whence the original location corner bears S. 80 degrees E. 40 feet. Thence, N. 82 degrees W. 1500 feet to post marked No. 4, U. S. S. No. 38, whence the original location corner bears N. 89 degrees W. 22 feet, and Thence, N. 8 degrees E. 550 feet to post No. 14the place of beginning, containing 18.94 acres. Magnetic variation of 16 degrees East.

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D. H. HALL, Register.

It is hereby ordered that the foregoing notice of application for patent be published for the period of sixty days (ten consecutive weeks), in the Picohe Weekly RECOND, a weekly news-paper published at Picche, Nevada. D. H. HALL, Register.

Application for a Patent

United States Land Office, Euroka, Nevada, January 14, 1890. Bureka, Nevada, January 14, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
DAY SILVER MINING COMPANY, whose
post office address is Pioche, Lincoln County,
Nevada, has this day, by its duly authorized
agent, T. J. Osborne, filed its application for a
patent for one thousand (1000) linear feet of
the Hamburg mine or vein, bearing gold and
silver, with surface ground two hundred (200)
feet in width, situated in Highland Mining
District, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada,
and designated by the field notes and official
plat on file in this office, as lot No. 39.

Said lot No. 39, being described as follows,
to-wit:

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Any and all persons claiming adversely, any
portion of said Hamburg Mine or surface
ground, are required to file their adverse
claims with the Register of the United States
Land Office at Kureka, in the County
of Euroka, during the sixty days period
of publication hereof, or they will be barred by
virtue of the provisions of the Statute.

D. H. HALL, Register.

It is hereby ordered that the foregoing notice of application for a patent be published for the period of sixty days (ten consecutive weeks) in the Pioche Weekly Recomp, a weekly news-paper, published at Pioche, Nevada. D. H. HALL, Register.

Application for a Patent

No. 920.

UNITED SPATES LAND OFFICE.
Eureka, Nevada, January 28, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JOHN
CASTLES, whose Post Office address is Hiko, Nevada, has this day applied for a patent, for fitteen hundred (1600) linear feet, of the Western extension of the Emma Nevada Lode or Vein bearing gold and silver, with surface ground six hundred (600) feet in width, situated in Pabranagat Lake Mining District, County of Lincoln, and State of Nevada, and designated by the field notes; and official plat on file in this office, as lot No. 47, in Township 3, South, Range 69 East, of Mount Ipinaho Meridian, said lot No. 47, being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a post marked No. 1, U S S No. 47, and the original location Monument, whence the is section corner on the East boundary of Section 20, Tp 3 S, R 59 E M D M bears North-157 degrees, 2 minutes] East, 6732 feet, Thence, South 247 feet to post No. 4, N W corner of U S S No. 43, Emma Newada Lode, 500 feet to post marked No. 2, U S S No. 47, and the original location Monument, Thence, North-80 degrees West fifteen hundred (1506) feet to post marked No. 2, U S S No. 47, and the original location Monument, Thence, North-80 degrees East Fifteen hundred feet to place of beginning.

Containing 20.35 acres.

With a magnetic variation i6 degrees East, Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Western Extension of the Emma Nevada Lode or Surface ground, are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office, at Eureks, in the County of Eureks, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be harred by virtue of the provisions of the Statute.

D. H. HALL, Register.

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JAMES MeFADDEN, Plaintiff,

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